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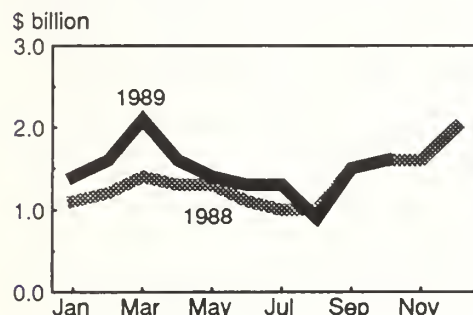
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Balance



October Agricultural Trade

Surplus Rises - The October agricultural trade surplus increased \$117 million from the previous month to \$1.6 billion. Exports rose sharply to \$3.4 billion, \$380 million above September. Imports were also up significantly to \$1.8 billion. The trade surplus for January-October 1989 was \$14.6 billion, \$2.1 billion ahead of the same period a year ago (table 3).

Agricultural Exports Climb In

October - U.S. agricultural exports in October totaled \$3.4 billion, 13 percent above the previous month, and the highest monthly total since April. Increases in soybeans, corn, fruits and vegetables, tobacco, meat, and animal feeds more than offset declines in wheat, vegetable oils, and live animals. January-October 1989 exports amounted to \$32.8 billion, 9 percent ahead of the same period last year.

Wheat exports fell 41 percent or 1.7 million tons to 2.4 million tons in October valued at \$393 million. China, the major purchaser of soft red winter wheat (SRW), became the second largest market for U.S. wheat in October (407,000 tons) behind Egypt. Other significant wheat markets were Japan, Korea, Algeria, and Pakistan. Average wheat export prices rose \$1 a ton in October to \$162.

Corn exports rebounded in October after 3 sluggish months. Shipments to the Soviet Union expanded to 969,000 tons. Japan was the largest market with 1.1 million tons. Other major corn markets in October were Mexico, Taiwan, and Korea. Average corn export prices rose slightly to \$109 a ton.

Soybean exports soared seasonally in October to 2 million tons valued at \$452 million. Approximately half of that total went to the European Community—particularly the Netherlands and Spain. October's exports were well above October

1988's figure of 1.4 million. The average export price for soybeans continued to fall in October, dropping \$21 a ton from September's \$245 a ton.

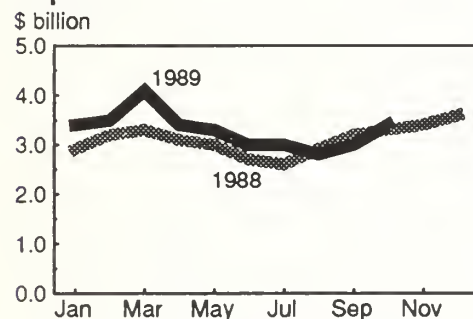
Cotton exports continued strong in October. Shipments were 114,000 tons valued at \$176 million. Japan, Korea, the EC, Indonesia, Thailand, and China remained leading markets during October. Average export prices fell from September's peak, but remained high compared with previous fiscal 1989 prices.

Agricultural Imports Higher

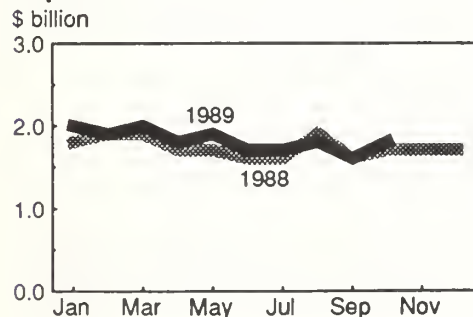
U.S. agricultural imports rose \$263 million to \$1.8 billion in October. Demand for imported coffee was strong for the fourth consecutive month. Coffee prices remained around 70 cents a pound compared with \$1.21 a pound in calendar 1988. Month-to-month increases were largest for fruits and vegetables, meat, vegetable oils, grain products, live animals, and cocoa. Moderate declines were registered for seeds, feed grains, sugar, and furskins. January-October 1989 imports amounted to \$18.2 billion, 4 percent or \$607 million above the same period a year ago.

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Exports



Imports



Less Trade In 1990

U.S. agricultural exports are expected to decline in fiscal 1990 to \$38 billion. This is \$1.7 billion below the previous year, reflecting prospects for lower prices for most grains and oilseeds as well as a moderate decline in overall export volume. A substantial drop in wheat exports will be partially offset by gains for corn, soybeans, cotton, and high-valued products. Imports are expected to fall \$500 million to \$21 billion, based largely on lower coffee prices (table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	30,152,356	32,778,381	--	--	3,290,157	3,391,507
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	5,238,449	5,303,632	--	--	607,587	552,892
Animals live - excl. poultry (NA)	--	--	393,053	304,579	--	--	83,744	44,022
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	265	146	162,217	89,984	56	11	29,886	7,890
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	23	35	193,028	170,353	3	4	40,318	32,159
Swine - live (NO)	49	81	10,127	11,599	18	3	3,660	1,011
Sheep - live (NO)	127	259	6,458	8,849	20	29	823	816
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	21,222	23,793	--	--	9,057	2,146
Meats & meat prods ex poultry (MT)	548	758	1,580,206	1,966,621	69	87	201,284	206,137
Beef & veal (MT)	183	323	885,382	1,197,376	23	41	119,670	120,011
Beef & veal-fresh or frozen (MT)	180	315	868,968	1,175,557	23	40	117,679	116,724
Beef - prep or preserved (MT)	4	7	16,414	21,819	0	1	1,991	3,287
Horsemeat-fresh, chill froz (MT)	43	50	85,515	111,371	4	5	9,449	12,740
Pork (MT)	50	75	198,119	266,611	6	10	23,576	36,546
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	43	64	181,118	242,732	5	9	19,936	33,163
Pork - prep or preserved (MT)	6	11	17,001	23,879	1	2	3,640	3,383
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	257	223	368,015	318,500	33	22	44,048	28,387
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	16	88	43,175	72,762	2	8	4,542	8,453
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	556,580	592,410	--	--	66,023	62,694
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	70,201	68,456	--	--	6,051	8,005
Baby chicks (NO)	32,369	29,030	63,859	58,160	3,297	2,921	5,129	6,524
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	6,341	10,297	--	--	922	1,481
Poultry meats (MT)	326	397	363,251	420,346	33	43	41,178	42,172
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	287	361	314,488	368,172	30	38	36,863	35,701
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	19	15	19,510	20,027	2	2	1,609	2,742
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	13	11	13,656	13,705	1	1	1,245	1,580
Poultry meat - prep or pres (MT)	6	10	15,598	18,442	1	1	1,461	2,149
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	25,224	28,151	0	0	1,478	1,426
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	97,905	75,456	--	--	17,316	11,091
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	472,326	358,328	--	--	44,861	28,663
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	2	13	2,944	19,717	0	0	116	176
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	192	113	205,481	99,009	12	3	15,957	6,181
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	8	21	9,159	35,370	1	4	872	5,587
Cheese (MT)	21	8	39,144	19,968	3	1	4,639	1,833
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	30,652	35,673	--	--	3,146	2,046
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	184,945	148,590	--	--	20,131	12,840
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,145	1,143	472,035	429,821	102	133	44,275	47,789
Lard (MT)	46	47	23,177	22,294	6	3	3,088	1,523
Tallow - inedible (MT)	994	904	393,515	327,498	81	111	32,977	38,341
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	105	192	55,344	80,029	15	19	8,209	7,925
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	1,553,273	1,435,949	--	--	144,413	142,944
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	17,806	22,063	1,240,599	1,120,314	2,271	2,153	127,286	112,900
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	20,103	32,469	--	--	2,161	3,795
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	117,227	144,752	--	--	11,707	15,718
Furskins (NA)	--	--	175,344	138,414	--	--	3,259	10,531
Mink pelts (NO)	2,278	2,981	80,006	88,210	64	231	1,766	8,070
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	95,338	50,204	--	--	1,494	2,461
Wool & mohair (MT)	6	5	33,711	32,168	1	1	4,023	3,070
Sausage casings (MT)	9	8	24,841	24,880	1	1	2,388	3,139
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	35,128	40,033	--	--	3,758	4,413
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	--	--	117,295	118,843	--	--	12,818	10,020
Grains and feeds (MT)	93,255	97,375	11,349,914	14,217,569	8,715	9,176	1,273,336	1,282,808
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	35,256	32,333	4,065,983	5,197,665	2,535	2,431	377,625	393,373
Wheat flour (MT)	1,106	989	156,574	223,895	157	66	23,179	16,783
Bulgur wheat (MT)	112	15	22,060	2,749	15	6	3,862	807
Other wheat products (MT)	12	11	7,908	9,539	1	1	883	1,258
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,752	2,529	637,673	798,273	250	279	79,683	91,616
Feed grains & products (MT)	45,234	51,655	4,761,972	6,147,016	4,870	5,409	621,893	598,794
Feed grains (MT)	45,039	51,284	4,698,767	6,029,962	4,843	5,373	613,741	586,756
Barley (MT)	1,787	1,416	143,034	173,070	31	101	3,524	11,724
Corn (MT)	37,920	42,492	4,028,309	5,026,656	4,325	4,436	551,448	482,078
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,309	7,283	524,920	819,943	477	835	57,537	92,783
Oats (MT)	6	10	690	1,401	0	1	51	153
Rye (MT)	17	83	1,813	8,891	10	0	1,182	19
Feed grain products (MT)	195	371	63,206	117,054	27	36	8,152	12,038
Popcorn (MT)	57	62	28,798	34,798	4	7	2,519	4,151
Blended food products (MT)	169	182	51,285	51,314	23	5	8,142	1,418
Other grain products (MT)	193	419	139,913	233,717	20	46	16,474	27,176
Feeds & fodders, excl. oilcake (MT)	9,364	9,180	1,477,747	1,518,604	839	925	139,076	147,432
Corn by-products (MT)	4,888	4,255	704,875	622,055	465	543	69,089	75,990
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	579	432	81,901	63,557	53	38	7,889	5,457
Beet pulp (MT)	615	459	70,465	58,528	26	13	3,980	1,710
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	595	664	78,130	79,457	0	0	0	64
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,687	3,369	542,377	695,007	294	331	58,117	64,211
Fruits & preparations, excl juice (MT)	1,663	1,773	1,256,234	1,316,678	153	185	128,204	149,827
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,421	1,507	926,147	961,972	122	151	85,573	103,725
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	835	884	460,746	498,110	47	57	28,941	38,359
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	398	425	191,401	209,449	19	28	8,652	14,397
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	119	116	86,111	85,509	14	13	12,259	12,995
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	309	342	175,961	201,887	13	16	7,389	10,870
Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	586	623	465,401	463,861	75	94	56,631	65,366
Apples - fresh (MT)	205	179	96,592	90,787	32	41	15,843	19,652
Grapes - fresh (MT)	102	109	99,885	104,491	23	28	21,316	25,814
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	279	335	268,924	268,583	20	25	19,472	19,899

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Commodity group and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - dried (MT)	138	133	220,852	214,821	17	18	27,918	29,176
Raisins - dried (MT)	82	78	128,139	124,276	9	8	13,974	14,678
Prunes - dried (MT)	48	48	76,691	77,230	7	9	11,446	12,678
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	60	64	64,194	64,444	8	9	8,823	8,540
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	24	27	23,483	26,890	3	3	2,627	2,978
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	20	41	21,559	48,551	3	4	3,263	5,408
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	5,007	4,308	229,460	231,488	330	367	15,937	18,098
Orange juice (HL)	2,212	2,419	103,214	117,328	150	210	7,837	10,042
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,794	1,889	126,246	114,160	181	157	8,100	8,056
Wine (HL)	51	642	68,504	79,284	6	70	6,898	9,070
Nuts and preparations (MT)	332	387	707,979	678,674	79	94	146,207	142,975
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	155	132	495,437	406,737	24	19	73,179	53,272
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	108	190	88,150	132,344	23	37	19,740	21,910
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	50	47	69,743	85,713	30	35	44,855	59,098
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	2	3	6,459	8,862	0	0	1,002	1,077
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	17	14	48,190	45,017	2	3	7,431	7,617
Vegetables & preparations (NA)	--	--	1,076,485	1,290,134	--	--	126,562	155,235
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	514	592	256,127	285,328	50	57	21,790	23,482
Celery - fresh (MT)	46	50	14,948	16,159	3	3	1,017	922
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	13	23	7,855	13,730	1	1	422	836
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	124	131	40,020	40,990	11	16	3,538	4,931
Onions - fresh (MT)	85	65	23,362	17,309	16	16	4,516	4,046
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	34	114	12,774	42,595	2	3	688	1,055
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	61	69	38,814	43,418	5	7	2,925	3,962
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	152	140	118,353	111,128	12	11	8,683	7,731
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	207	229	148,573	171,758	24	24	17,827	17,638
Corn, sweet - frozen (MT)	42	45	30,470	33,620	4	5	3,418	3,964
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	115	135	79,373	90,927	14	13	9,926	8,927
Vegetables - canned (MT)	144	122	120,200	111,065	19	21	16,296	18,594
Pulses (MT)	425	409	179,929	216,792	61	71	31,623	37,734
Dried beans (MT)	280	270	133,532	165,506	44	53	25,653	31,035
Dried peas (MT)	111	98	33,788	30,729	13	13	4,275	3,915
Dried lentils (MT)	33	41	12,609	20,557	3	5	1,696	2,785
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	6	13	46,555	64,438	1	1	4,394	6,293
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	325,101	440,752	--	--	34,632	51,493
Oilseeds and products (MT)	22,165	16,757	6,278,301	5,081,067	2,018	2,424	676,605	608,557
Oilcake and meal (MT)	5,537	3,636	1,345,725	965,945	486	244	139,983	56,553
Soybean meal (MT)	5,372	3,521	1,318,477	948,435	464	240	136,535	55,826
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	164	115	27,248	17,511	22	3	3,448	727
Oilseeds (MT)	15,185	11,835	4,076,017	3,356,235	1,394	2,058	444,617	482,671
Soybeans (MT)	14,820	11,185	3,880,546	3,069,505	1,367	2,014	421,351	451,839
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	192	86	70,854	38,487	6	11	3,725	6,145
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	28	38	24,074	28,551	11	10	9,437	7,254
Other oilseeds (MT)	98	476	27,514	130,559	2	17	584	4,932
Protein substances (MT)	47	50	73,029	89,133	8	5	9,520	12,500
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,443	1,286	856,558	758,887	138	122	92,005	69,334
Soybean oil (MT)	772	612	418,829	315,914	91	53	54,476	24,161
Cottonseed oil (MT)	151	183	79,310	91,083	3	22	1,884	10,983
Sunflower oil (MT)	235	189	113,875	93,775	10	11	6,223	5,540
Corn oil (MT)	134	148	83,540	91,560	12	18	8,091	9,958
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	152	155	161,004	166,555	22	18	21,332	18,691
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	177	173	991,130	1,033,703	15	18	84,568	106,013
Tobacco - burley (MT)	43	47	285,839	327,339	1	2	7,248	13,249
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	92	80	558,987	522,930	11	10	65,982	65,868
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	42	46	146,304	183,435	3	6	11,338	26,896
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,069	1,271	1,646,720	1,815,322	51	114	71,176	175,687
Cotton linters (MT)	35	40	13,158	15,752	3	2	1,035	842
Essential oils (MT)	7	12	98,824	154,107	1	1	9,288	16,064
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	224	441	316,957	386,767	36	43	38,038	39,037
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	613	754	628,564	570,045	59	100	71,569	74,296
Sugar & related products (MT)	516	630	179,984	254,954	49	86	25,907	35,106
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	252	346	91,275	126,206	38	52	16,924	20,499
Related sugar products (MT)	264	284	88,708	128,749	10	34	8,983	14,608
Coffee (MT)	9	15	61,119	74,743	1	2	5,923	9,139
Cocoa (MT)	6	8	13,122	21,727	1	1	890	2,742
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	28	44	98,436	124,330	4	7	15,961	18,727
Tea & mate' (MT)	2	6	13,900	25,346	0	1	1,106	2,757
Spices (MT)	7	7	22,427	20,628	1	1	2,374	1,530
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	23	37	37,626	44,465	2	3	3,087	3,913
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	22	33	106,305	173,717	3	3	20,905	27,857
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	70,190	97,292	--	--	6,125	9,509
Beverages, excluding juices (NA)	--	--	75,180	333,150	--	--	6,116	22,739
Selected non-agric. exports (NA)	--	--	8,785,457	10,090,380	--	--	887,523	1,010,641
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,123,503	2,503,135	0	6	242,890	240,297
Fish and shellfish (MT)	551	559	2,005,533	2,052,657	47	63	177,775	174,369
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	328	378	1,360,493	1,261,794	30	47	94,188	82,756
Shellfish (MT)	63	104	412,241	531,128	5	10	57,540	75,188
Other fish products (MT)	160	77	232,799	259,735	12	6	26,046	16,426
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	240	217	1,407,395	1,082,234	20	18	127,925	95,150
Fungicides (MT)	32	22	194,063	121,608	3	2	20,157	15,891
Herbicides (MT)	138	107	761,400	535,361	11	8	63,835	39,280
Insecticides (MT)	48	58	321,773	212,835	4	4	34,077	14,636
Other pesticides (MT)	23	31	130,158	212,429	2	3	9,856	25,342
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	879,305	1,569,451	--	--	80,388	174,748
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	58	22	388,253	503,488	7	2	39,498	69,692
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	491,052	1,065,964	--	--	40,890	105,056
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,369,721	2,882,902	--	--	258,545	326,076

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	17,544,829	18,151,637	--	--	1,741,702	1,823,789
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	5,283,994	5,285,155	--	--	489,205	515,079
Bananas and plantains (MT)	2,539	2,584	697,149	720,121	249	274	68,282	78,564
Coffee, including products (MT)	825	997	2,106,996	2,121,645	82	135	194,537	212,168
Cocoa and products (MT)	424	492	855,530	847,169	33	49	59,680	85,087
Tea and mate' (MT)	76	78	107,793	114,650	6	8	9,036	12,461
Spices (MT)	103	92	285,471	235,460	8	8	24,662	18,975
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	713	776	834,440	840,268	71	72	90,427	67,421
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	5,035	10,379	0	0	522	923
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	11	15	39,990	52,085	1	2	4,174	5,439
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	33	90	20,933	40,588	3	7	2,199	3,503
Essential oils (MT)	10	14	123,615	113,721	1	2	12,085	11,934
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	47	38	192,480	182,160	8	4	21,955	18,472
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	14,561	909	--	--	1,646	134
Competitive agricult imports (NA)	--	--	12,260,835	12,866,482	--	--	1,252,497	1,308,710
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	4,395,567	4,101,698	--	--	400,178	418,804
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,919	2,082	618,736	612,882	176	149	53,696	53,836
Cattle - live (NO)	1,134	1,002	502,320	480,598	54	67	35,022	39,456
Horses & mules - live (NO)	8	8	48,540	39,887	1	1	8,633	6,933
Swine - live(NO)	676	923	64,614	86,628	109	80	9,770	7,339
Sheep - live (NO)	31	137	2,235	5,320	3	1	164	93
Other live animals (NO)	70	12	1,027	449	10	0	106	15
Meats & prods exc. poultry (MT)	1,100	928	2,357,421	2,092,168	88	87	194,568	216,142
Beef and veal (MT)	692	586	1,482,477	1,357,175	50	57	113,470	140,909
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	626	530	1,321,019	1,200,216	44	50	98,379	117,310
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	66	57	161,458	156,959	6	7	15,091	23,599
Pork (MT)	372	296	791,321	626,735	34	25	71,986	62,689
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	243	194	412,773	330,905	21	16	34,481	30,757
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	129	102	378,548	295,830	13	10	37,504	31,932
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	17	18	33,418	36,811	1	2	2,579	3,854
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	8	11	10,297	18,861	1	1	888	1,467
Other meats-fresh or froz(MT)	2	3	12,973	16,538	0	1	1,963	2,679
Other meats & products (MT)	9	15	26,917	36,035	1	2	3,682	4,544
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	79,399	113,300	--	--	11,829	12,629
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	6,284	15,077	--	--	665	1,525
Poultry meat (MT)	3	3	10,202	11,847	1	0	2,326	2,008
Eggs (NA)	--	--	12,789	23,964	--	--	1,773	1,877
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	8	10	50,124	62,412	1	1	7,065	7,219
Dairy products (MT)	--	--	712,154	676,901	--	--	81,639	87,257
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	12	13	11,875	13,875	1	1	924	987
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	2	1,492	3,200	0	0	170	268
Cheese (MT)	90	97	280,250	289,398	11	13	34,932	40,275
Casein & mixtures (MT)	75	69	247,900	327,484	5	9	21,255	41,442
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	170,636	42,944	--	--	24,358	4,286
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	17	11	16,376	11,104	2	1	1,489	1,353
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	210,707	187,434	--	--	20,006	11,382
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	5	6	36,318	32,714	0	1	3,648	2,867
Oth hides & skins ex fur (MT)	--	--	48,306	51,645	--	--	5,714	4,765
Furskins (NA)	--	--	126,083	103,074	--	--	10,644	3,750
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	35	40	213,065	214,352	3	4	19,578	17,687
Sausage casings (MT)	10	12	55,148	56,918	1	1	4,362	4,701
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,982	2,512	--	--	212	141
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	130,579	134,126	--	--	12,801	13,675
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	2,667	3,001	736,765	990,835	264	295	91,296	115,631
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	396	225	52,118	39,968	57	25	9,235	4,218
Corn, unmilled (MT)	77	41	7,419	17,845	7	7	796	709
Oats, unmilled (MT)	674	1,057	81,602	131,631	58	77	8,199	7,812
Barley, unmilled (MT)	211	197	17,470	34,943	9	4	1,394	766
Rice (MT)	89	104	45,298	49,875	8	10	4,194	5,774
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	100	135	214,447	272,192	14	20	33,163	45,350
Pasta & noodles (MT)	87	111	69,378	96,192	9	12	6,832	10,781
Other grains & preps (MT)	--	--	109,825	148,070	--	--	12,767	16,562
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	892	870	139,209	200,120	88	110	14,715	23,660
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,471	1,669	913,559	961,824	83	87	55,314	60,034
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,081	1,224	604,212	625,427	42	42	22,031	22,928
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	43	38	30,029	30,023	1	1	741	1,551
Apples, fresh (MT)	110	106	47,757	43,606	7	10	2,285	2,879
Citrus, fresh (MT)	68	54	13,250	12,702	9	7	1,347	1,136
Grapes, fresh (MT)	301	270	246,754	209,714	4	1	777	279
Mangoes (MT)	35	52	28,822	42,002	0	0	77	306
Melons (MT)	304	450	74,998	117,342	1	9	159	4,238
Pineapples (MT)	69	84	24,786	35,841	6	9	2,334	4,238
Oth fruits- fresh o/froz (MT)	151	171	137,816	134,198	15	13	14,312	12,515
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	390	444	309,347	336,397	41	45	33,283	37,106
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	211	253	131,237	144,798	18	21	10,876	11,837
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	179	192	178,110	191,599	22	24	22,408	25,269
Orange juice (HL)	12,183	10,819	424,656	345,382	1,615	1,526	61,249	42,987
Other fruit juices (HL)	8,468	10,520	212,486	234,379	1,166	823	27,704	19,448
Nuts & preparations (MT)	109	105	251,862	271,414	14	14	30,042	33,637
Brazil nuts (MT)	8	6	10,782	14,352	0	1	996	2,547
Cashew nuts (MT)	32	40	159,972	176,447	4	5	16,915	19,166
Chestnuts (MT)	1	1	2,605	2,535	1	1	1,674	1,843
Coconut meat (MT)	36	38	34,304	30,564	4	5	3,871	4,071
Filberts (MT)	2	1	6,715	1,327	0	0	1,242	77
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	9,717	18,861	0	0	1,761	2,575
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	1	4,748	2,873	0	0	178	409
Other nuts (MT)	28	16	23,017	24,456	5	2	3,405	2,948

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

Commodity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	--	--	1,342,212	1,719,508	--	--	109,215	142,123
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,439	1,574	604,344	819,877	91	113	38,378	56,686
Tomatoes (MT)	347	352	147,092	208,622	19	29	6,744	13,931
Asparagus (MT)	13	14	16,672	15,879	1	1	969	1,393
Beans (MT)	12	22	9,165	18,999	0	1	385	712
Carrots (MT)	41	40	10,564	9,054	9	8	2,296	1,584
Cucumbers (MT)	150	149	32,393	66,636	2	2	730	1,107
Eggplant (MT)	14	14	6,881	7,102	0	0	2	27
Garlic (MT)	17	15	10,658	12,832	0	1	83	1,231
Lettuce (MT)	15	25	9,366	8,565	0	0	45	56
Onions (MT)	166	142	65,932	52,992	4	5	2,795	4,215
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	26	38	24,858	39,429	4	4	2,647	2,489
Peppers (MT)	112	122	60,576	94,582	2	4	1,846	4,867
Potatoes (MT)	187	228	37,684	63,875	20	25	5,062	6,137
Squash (MT)	50	61	25,811	27,726	2	2	651	524
Other vegs-fresh or froz (MT)	290	354	146,693	193,586	27	31	14,123	18,413
Vegetables-prep or preserv (MT)	--	--	737,868	899,631	--	--	70,837	85,437
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	61	55	108,478	114,764	7	7	12,685	13,884
Mushrooms - canned (MT)	47	51	107,021	123,717	2	4	5,587	8,976
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	6	25,888	24,238	0	0	71	684
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	15	15	30,923	30,025	1	2	1,941	3,181
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	1	4,358	2,361	0	0	541	181
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce (MT)	100	152	59,353	140,212	14	11	9,346	9,915
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	27	21,942	20,885	2	2	1,480	1,462
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	37	58	17,739	31,641	3	7	1,692	3,521
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	--	--	362,165	411,788	--	--	37,494	43,632
Sugar and related products (MT)	--	--	569,485	811,925	--	--	84,941	72,035
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	998	1,337	355,394	508,024	165	97	64,619	38,322
Molasses - inedible (MT)	831	5,214	62,573	49,622	73	343	5,534	5,018
Confectionery products (MT)	34	88	52,669	151,139	3	10	4,923	18,420
Oth sugar & related prods (MT)	289	239	98,849	103,139	22	24	9,864	10,275
Spices (MT)	19	16	26,377	31,017	2	1	2,465	2,051
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	180	151	508,134	468,531	16	15	47,043	47,540
Tobacco - filler (MT)	150	137	475,931	452,389	14	15	44,978	44,993
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	12	13	13,944	5,202	1	1	990	349
Other tobacco (MT)	17	1	18,259	10,940	1	0	1,076	2,198
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	12,922	11,659	1,618,883	1,498,107	1,201	1,146	183,853	195,629
Wine (HL)	2,382	2,241	750,800	724,080	336	361	114,043	129,654
Malt beverages (HL)	9,479	8,761	791,702	726,523	779	726	63,149	61,657
Other beverages (HL)	1,061	657	76,381	47,503	87	59	6,660	4,318
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,523	1,521	734,817	744,888	205	179	102,289	86,232
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	213	368	72,860	139,587	51	54	16,905	18,431
Flaxseed (MT)	83	144	20,950	48,425	20	17	6,574	5,567
Sesameseed (MT)	28	33	21,724	32,242	3	2	2,039	2,244
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	102	191	30,186	58,920	29	35	8,292	10,620
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,094	854	624,212	552,512	127	101	80,246	64,054
Castor oil (MT)	26	28	23,536	25,253	9	5	8,238	4,567
Coconut oil (MT)	389	297	194,491	142,629	49	49	27,403	24,861
Olive oil (MT)	56	66	102,422	124,262	7	6	11,343	11,923
Palm oil (MT)	150	97	49,915	37,548	18	4	7,470	1,436
Palm kernel oil (MT)	154	122	80,312	64,048	14	16	7,547	7,503
Other oils & waxes-veg. (MT)	319	244	173,537	158,771	31	20	18,245	13,764
Oilcake & meal (MT)	216	299	37,745	52,788	26	24	5,138	3,747
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	295	3,240	0	0	54	46
Cotton linters (MT)	24	11	6,076	4,255	1	1	349	821
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	129	139	129,259	160,603	5	4	11,124	10,510
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	232,359	253,229	--	--	23,162	25,511
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	127,010	149,097	--	--	18,368	22,168
Other vegetable products (MT)	11	34	31,034	116,552	1	5	3,850	13,502
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	7,329,388	8,573,266	--	--	653,283	870,401
Fertilizers (MT)	13,050	39,383	1,174,001	1,392,864	1,264	1,159	108,676	117,494
Potassium (MT)	5,762	5,445	512,140	481,918	558	588	49,911	50,918
Nitrogen (MT)	5,891	30,556	509,015	610,473	516	295	44,345	46,622
Phosphate (MT)	743	3,337	50,280	293,062	137	274	6,058	19,612
Mixed & organic fertilizers (MT)	654	0	102,566	0	53	0	8,363	0
Fish and shellfish (MT)	34,091	1,252	3,817,432	4,539,673	4,959	141	366,297	480,293
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	589	890	1,566,070	2,347,849	57	89	149,373	231,884
Shellfish (MT)	270	286	2,138,902	2,147,443	27	34	203,817	240,885
Fish products, other (MT)	33,232	76	112,460	44,380	4,874	18	13,106	7,524
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	58	78	331,650	420,559	2	8	14,386	50,856
Fungicides (MT)	5	14	39,921	44,311	0	1	2,702	3,108
Herbicides (MT)	29	12	159,861	120,548	2	1	11,108	20,092
Insecticides (MT)	11	3	81,631	32,815	0	0	575	3,446
Other pesticides (MT)	13	50	50,236	222,884	0	6	0	24,211
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,942,648	2,148,581	--	--	156,810	213,005
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	92	1,205	1,010,751	964,535	6	116	76,798	95,970
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	931,897	1,184,046	--	--	80,011	117,035
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	63,656	71,590	--	--	7,115	8,754

Preliminary. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Aug	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	2,767	3,011	3,392	32,778	8.7
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,026	1,751	2,029	20,109	4.3
Imports (Customs val.)	1,818	1,560	1,824	18,152	3.5
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	741	1,260	1,363	12,669	16.6
Exports minus Customs valued imports	949	1,451	1,568	14,626	16.0

Preliminary data.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural export forecast, FY 1990

Commodity group	Fiscal 1988	Fiscal 1989	Fiscal 1990 (f)
			-- Billion dollars --
Total	35.4	39.7	38.0
Wheat & flour	4.6	6.3	5.4
Rice	.7	1.0	.8
Coarse grains 1/	5.2	7.4	6.7
Soybeans	5.1	4.1	3.4
Soybean meal	1.5	1.3	.9
Animal products	6.1	6.5	6.6
Horticultural	3.8	4.2	4.4
Cotton & linters	2.2	2.1	2.7
Tobacco, unmg.	1.3	1.3	1.3

-- Million tons --

Total	148.5	147.6	145.5
Wheat & flour	41.8	39.0	34.3
Rice	2.2	3.1	2.5
Coarse grains 1/	53.1	61.1	63.5
Soybeans	21.1	14.1	15.6
Soybean meal	6.2	4.7	4.6
Animal products	2.8	3.3	3.3
Horticultural	3.6	3.8	3.9
Cotton & linters	1.4	1.5	1.7
Tobacco, unmg.	.2	.2	.2

1/ Includes products. (f) Forecast.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Aug	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Change fm prev. yr
					Percent
Total	2,767	3,011	3,392	32,778	8.7
Live animals	30	72	52	373	-19.5
Meat & prep.	245	215	248	2,387	22.8
Dairy prod. & eggs	47	51	40	434	-23.9
Animal fats	35	55	48	430	-8.9
Hides & skins	138	127	143	1,436	-7.6
Wheat	558	653	393	5,198	27.8
Rice	58	92	92	798	25.2
Corn	308	310	482	5,027	24.8
Other feed grains	88	120	105	1,003	49.6
Animal feeds	199	177	203	2,485	-12.0
Soybeans	132	119	452	3,070	-20.9
Vegetable oils	92	112	69	759	-11.4
Horticul. prods.	382	407	524	4,080	9.5
Cotton & linters	166	170	177	1,831	10.3
Tobacco, unmg.	58	71	106	1,034	4.3

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Aug	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Change fm prev. yr
					Percent
Total	1,818	1,560	1,824	18,152	3.5
Live animals	54	48	55	628	0.5
Meat & prep.	217	180	218	2,104	-11.1
Dairy prod, eggs	79	77	89	701	-3.3
Grains & feeds	107	98	116	991	34.5
Fruits & nuts	205	191	235	2,539	1.6
Vegetables	131	116	142	1,720	28.1
Vegetable oils	60	46	64	553	-11.5
Wine	70	79	130	724	-3.6
Malt beverages	93	66	62	727	-8.2
Coffee	236	212	212	2,122	0.7
Cocoa	90	73	85	847	-1.0
Rubber, natural	67	63	67	840	0.7
Sugar	94	35	38	508	42.9
Tobacco, unmg.	57	36	48	469	-7.8
Seeds, flowers	58	62	58	563	15.2

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